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INDICTMENT FROM THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – U.S. Attorney José de Jesus Rivera announced today that **DEMETRUS VAN FLEET**, 27, was indicted by a federal grand jury on March 7, 2000, and is charged with Attempted Aggravated Sexual Abuse by Force. The defendant is accused of sexually assaulting, with force, a female victim on February 14, 2000, within the confines of the Fort Mohave Indian Reservation.

If convicted the charge carries a maximum penalty of up to life imprisonment. The defendant is currently in custody.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and an individual's guilt is established only upon conviction. The investigation in these cases was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Fort Mohave Tribal Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by the U. S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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